

# Delaware's Stephanie Scola Honored As A Trailblazer In Public Finance

Stephanie M. Scola, Director of Bond Finance for the State of Delaware, has been presented with a Freda Johnson Trailblazer Award by the Northeast Women in Public Finance (NEWPF). The award honors her as a woman who has made an outstanding commitment to the field of public finance, and whose dedication and professional achievements have been recognized by her peers. She was one of ten women from across the country honored at the Bond Buyer's 14th Annual Deal of the Year Awards Gala at New York's Waldorf Astoria on December 3, 2015.

As Director of Bond Finance, Stephanie oversees Delaware's bond program, finding creative and efficient ways to fund state objectives. "I find it particularly satisfying to finance projects for the public good: schools, libraries, and courthouses," says Ms. Scola. Through her diligence, she ensures that the state's capital projects are financed at the lowest possible cost of capital and is vigilant for threats to Delaware's Triple-A rating.

In addition to her many achievements, she was instrumental in making Delaware bonds available to retail investors and has created one of the most comprehensive investor relations sites on the internet, <http://www.buybonds.delaware.gov/>. The site promotes investor relations, and provides easily accessible, current, and relevant information about the State and its financial position for the public.

"We're proud to have such an exemplary role model for women in public finance working with us," said Finance Secretary Tom Cook, "and we congratulate Stephanie on this well-deserved honor. Her dedication to raising Delaware's profile in the

public finance industry is admirable and ultimately helps all Delawareans.”

Trailblazer Awards are given annually to recognized leaders in the public finance industry, with nominees chosen by members of the NEWPF.

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